

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Legislative Update:  
**May 17, 2013**

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The Medicaid issue loomed the largest for all elected officials at the Arizona State Legislature as we go to press with this week's edition of the Weekly Legislative Update for the AzDDPC. It is a once in a lifetime event in that a Republican Governor is now in alliance with a long line of Democrats and is counting on them and a lesser number of Republicans to pass her proposal for AHCCCS expansion\*<sup>1</sup>. The first of the week saw an assumption that the 24 House Democrats and the 13 Senate Democrats would all be casting 'yes' votes on this issue. The Governor was then left needing a total of 10 Republicans: 7 in the House and 3 in the Senate to get the simple majority.

While the issue of Medicaid expansion has often been framed as a 'Democratic' issue, a broader based framing of the discussion is that this is a 'human services' issue. Or in other words, care for those who have previously lived without any care, so that the health standards for all in both the short and long run are greatly enhanced, thereby improving the lives of many Arizonans. A natural outcome when any issue such as this shows a reversal of partnering in our state Legislature is that the potential for healthy and earnest discussions increases measurably. Insiders at the House and Senate are reporting that this in fact is happening. This in and of itself is an excellent sign for constructive problem solving on not only this issue for Arizona, but for many of our long-standing challenges.

A reminder on how the entire issue has been framed for this effort:

Governor Brewer increased pressure on lawmakers saying she would not sign any more bills until lawmakers got moving on a new budget and Medicaid expansion.

While the federal government will pick up most of the additional cost of Medicaid expansion, expansion is not free. Brewer proposes a \$250 million levy on hospitals to cover the state's share. She said that will bring in about \$1.6 billion in federal funds. The plan includes a so-called circuit breaker, a

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<sup>1</sup> *If the state chooses to adopt this expansion, all low-income individuals and families earning less than 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL) will be eligible for health insurance coverage through Medicaid. That includes individuals who make less than \$15,000.00 per year; families of two who make less than \$21,000.00 per year; and families of four who make less than \$32,000.00 per year.*

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provision to roll back coverage for those between 100 percent and 133 percent of the poverty level if federal funding falls below 80 percent of the expansion cost.

However; House Speaker Andy Tobin and other expansion skeptics have expressed informal interest in an independent oversight to make sure hospitals don't continue to pass along those costs to paying customers and that they use the extra federal funds to reduce uncompensated care and not to bolster corporate profits.

Again, early in the week Speaker Tobin proposed his own new plan to expand Medicaid, which he argued deals with the problems, rather than the symptoms, of high health care costs. The measure would allow Arizona to add about 300,000 to the rolls of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System on top of the 1.3 million already enrolled, which is identical to what Governor Jan Brewer wants to do.

But Tobin's plan put far more conditions on the tax on hospitals that would be used to pay the state's share of the cost - primarily giving authority over the size of the levy to a legislative committee and not, as Brewer wants, her appointed head of the state's Medicaid program. Another significant change is making the entire package subject to voter approval. The Governor believes she has public support on the issue but does not support the complex Medicaid plans going to ballot.

Tobin's alternative also includes provisions designed to cut health-care costs and add money for graduate medical education, which Brewer's version lacks. And there is funding for medical research for everything from heart disease to preventive care. More controversial is a separate measure designed to restrict any of the funds from going to organizations that also provide abortion.

[NOTE: So far, 20 states have agreed to expand Medicaid, 15 have said no and 15 are undecided.]

As of last evening (May 16), the Arizona Senate approved expanding the state's Medicaid program. Despite scores of proposed amendments to lighten the impact of this program, a final 19-11 vote after three hours of debate sealed the outcome. The next step is movement to the Arizona House where the outcome is more than uncertain. The debate centers around whether this public policy goes too far by enhancing what many call an unsustainable government entitlement. A subset of this debate is whether this will encourage citizens to take less responsibility for their own health care. Those leading anti-expansion

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amendments included Senators Biggs, Ward and McComish. A total of 24 anti-expansion amendments were crafted. Robust debate within the Republican Party continues, and the fallout from this most recent action will be felt as the session moves forward.

In other developments this week, the Senate also voted to increase critical funding for abused and neglected children.

These increases include:

- \$4 million for Children Support Services. The original legislation did not include any increase for Children Support Services.
- \$4 million for Child Care. The original legislation provided an increase of \$5 million; the amendment brings the increase to \$9 million.
- \$1 million for Grandparents Stipend. This provides the funding needed to support a monthly \$75 stipend for qualified grandparents raising their grandchildren.

Other changes increased parity funding for the universities and added \$4.5 million to the Department of Education's budget for adult education. We will continue to follow the specifics of how these monies will impact the developmentally disabled community.

***Reminder:*** You may be interested in following more closely one of more of the bills that are of special interest to you or that may have an impact on you, a family member, a friend, or neighbor. If you want to begin doing this, simply type the address [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov) into your computer 'internet browser' (the main block at the top of your computer screen), or search for the phrase 'Arizona State Legislature' and click on the link to the official AZ Legislature website (usually the first result).

Please let us know how we can make this report more useful for you ([lclausen@azdes.gov](mailto:lclausen@azdes.gov)).

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## Bill Status Summary Table

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Key:

Passed & Signed	In Progress	Failed
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Please refer to the Glossary at the end of the document for definitions of unfamiliar terms.

\* Indicates items new to the report this week

BILLS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ISSUES			
Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2042 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	<a href="#">Representative H. Carter</a> (REP)	<del>Technical correction; home health agencies</del> Now: Schools, Pupils with Diabetes Allows voluntary diabetes care assistants to administer or assist a pupil self-administer insulin in an emergency situation under certain circumstances.	Signed by Governor 4/11/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2044 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	<a href="#">Representative H. Carter</a> (REP)	Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); Continuation.  Extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years to July 1, 2023.	Passed House 2/13/13.  Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee.  Senate second read: 2/20/13  2/27/13 Recommendation: Do Pass  3/5/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y
HB 2045 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	<a href="#">Representative H. Carter</a> (REP)	AHCCCS; Hospital Reimbursement Methodology  Change the way hospitals are paid; no longer require legislature to approve new rates.	Passed House 2/21/13  Passed Senate with amendments 4/15/13  4/16/13 House Majority Caucus H; Minority Caucus Y  4/23/13 House refused to concur in Senate amendments Moved to FREE Conference Committee.  5/15/13 Passed House 5/16/13 Passed Senate

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2047 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">D. Goodale</a> (REP); <a href="#">P. Boyer</a> (REP)	AIMS Replacement Effective July 1, 2014, the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test is eliminated and replaced with a competency test adopted by the State Board of Education	Passed House 2/5/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee and Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read 2/20/13 3/21/13 Education Committee - discussion only.
HB 2066 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Brophy McGee</a> (REP);	Definitions; Archaic Language; Removal Makes various changes to definition sections of current ARS in order to remove archaic language.	Signed by Governor 4/11/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB2089 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">K. Brophy McGee</a> (REP); <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP)	AHCCCS; Chronically Ill Children Amends or changes a variety of sections of the current statutes related to ACHHS.	Passed House 2/28/13 Passed Senate with amendments 5/14/13 Transmitted to House 5/14/13 5/16/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y. Concurrence Recommended.
HB2091 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">K. Brophy McGee</a> (REP); <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP)	AHCCCS; Orthotic Services; Restoration Amends or changes services related to the AHCCCS system.	Passed House 3/6/13 Passed Senate COW with amendments 4/25/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2144 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">K. Brophy McGee</a> (REP); <a href="#">C. Miranda</a> (DEM); <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Goodale</a> (REP)	Child Protective Services Amends or changes the current ARS that defines the purpose of this agency to include investigations, safety matters, cooperative work with law enforcement agencies, coordination of permanent solutions on behalf of all children.	Passed House 2/28/13 Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee Senate second read: 3/5/13 Recommendation: Do Pass with amendments 3/13/13 3/19/13: Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y
HB 2158 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representative <a href="#">J. Kavanagh</a> (REP).	Court-ordered Evaluations This bill is an emergency measure that allows a peace officer (officer) to detain a person who is believed to be a danger based on probable cause.	Passed House 2/28/13 Assigned to Senate Public Safety Committee Senate second read: 3/5/13 Recommendation: Do Pass 3/13/13
HB 2161 Fact Sheet Pending	Representatives: <a href="#">C. Campbell</a> (DEM); <a href="#">E. Meyer</a> (DEM), <a href="#">B. Wheeler</a> (DEM), <a href="#">M. A. Cardenas</a> (DEM), <a href="#">A. Delessandro</a> (DEM); <a href="#">D. McCune Davis</a> (DEM)	License Fee; Service Dogs; Waiver Amends or changes the language in the Arizona Revised Statutes on the process of animal registration and control.	Assigned to Agriculture and Water Committee. House second read: 1/23/13



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HB 2259 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives <a href="#">T. Forese</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Montenegro</a> (REP); <a href="#">W. Peterson</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Dial</a> (REP); <a href="#">T.J. Shope</a> (REP)	<del>Vocational Rehabilitation; Prosthetic Appliances; Orthodontics</del> <input type="checkbox"/> NOW: Orthodontic devices; Transaction Privilege Tax  For the purposes of vocational rehabilitation, the definition of "prosthetic appliance" is expanded to include orthodontic appliances.	4/17/13 Signed by Governor
HB 2401 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	<a href="#">Representative H. Carter</a> (REP)	Service Animal; Definition.  Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to the handling of animals.	4/5/13 Signed by Governor

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HB 2458 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives: <a href="#">P. Boyer</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Allen</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. D. Mesnard</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Olson</a> (REP); <a href="#">B. Robson</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Townsend</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Yarbrough</a> (REP);	Empowerment Scholarship Accounts; Fraud Prevention Outlines additional policies that the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) can adopt to monitor fraudulent activity in Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA), and details what constitutes fraudulent use of an ESA.	Signed by Governor 5/2/13
HB 2476 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives <a href="#">K. Townsend</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Borrelli</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Kwasman</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Lesko</a> (REP); <a href="#">W. Peterson</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Stevens</a> (REP);	Schools; Isolation Rooms; Restrictions This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to pupil discipline.	Signed by Governor 4/3/13

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
HB 2483 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representative <a href="#">D. Stevens</a> (REP);	Public Notices; Publishing; Public Medium Requires public notices to be published on a public medium rather than in a newspaper.	3/18/13 Failed in House
HB2533 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Representatives <a href="#">W. Peterson</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Goodale</a> (REP); <a href="#">P. Lovas</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Biggs</a> (REP);	Local Governments; Public Notices; Website Authorizes counties and municipalities to publish public notices on a website instead of in a print newspaper.	3/18/13 Passed House on reconsideration. Assigned to Senate Government & Environment Committee. Senate second read: 3/20/13 3/21/13 Held in Committee.

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Bill Number	Sponsor	Brief Description	Status
SB 1090 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Senators: <a href="#">L. Landrum Taylor</a> (DEM); <a href="#">D. Bradley</a> (DEM); <a href="#">K. Hobbs</a> (DEM); <a href="#">L. Lopez</a> (DEM); <a href="#">B. McGuire</a> (DEM); <a href="#">A. Tovar</a> (DEM); <a href="#">N. Barto</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Burges</a> (REP); <a href="#">R. Murphy</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Yee</a> (REP); Representative <a href="#">C. Miranda</a> (DEM);	Dependent Children; Placement; Grandparents; Stipend Restores a monthly stipend and other benefits to grandparents and great grandparents who are caring for their children.	Passed Senate with Amendments 2/18/13 Passed House 4/22/13 with amendments
SB 1093 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Senator <a href="#">J. McComish</a> (REP); Representatives <a href="#">J. Dial</a> (REP); <a href="#">B. Robson</a> (REP)	Disability Placards; Non-profit Organizations Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to special license plates.	Signed by Governor 4/30/13

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SB 1100 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Senators: <a href="#">K. Yee</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Hobbs</a> (DEM); <a href="#">L. Landrum Taylor</a> (DEM); <a href="#">L. Lopez</a> (DEM); <a href="#">R. Meza</a> (DEM); <a href="#">L. Pancrazi</a> (DEM); <a href="#">M. Raegan</a> (REP); <a href="#">N. Barto</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Bradley</a> (DEM); <a href="#">C. Crandell</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Driggs</a> (REP); <a href="#">G. Griffin</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Pierce</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Ward</a> (REP)	ASDB; Continuation  Continues the Board of Directors of the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) for 10 years.	Signed by Governor 5/7/13
SB1108 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	Senators: <a href="#">N. Barto</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Burges</a> (REP); <a href="#">G. Griffin</a> (REP); <a href="#">L. Landrum Taylor</a> (DEM); <a href="#">R. Murphy</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Lesko</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Biggs</a> (REP); <a href="#">D. Bradley</a> (DEM); <a href="#">D. Shooter</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Ward</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Yarbrough</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Yee</a> (REP)	Foster Home Licensure; Immunizations  Prohibits DES from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.	Signed by Governor 5/2/13

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SB 1437 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	<a href="#">K. Ward</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Driggs</a> (REP); <a href="#">S. Pierce</a> (REP);	Music Therapists; Licensure  Adds a new chapter to Title 36 (Public Health and Safety) regulating music therapists under the Department of Health Services. Establishes qualifications for licensure as a music therapist.	Passed Senate 3/19/13  Passed House with amendments 4/8/13  Passed Senate with amendments 4/22/13  VETOED by Governor 4/30/13
SB1208 <a href="#">Fact Sheet</a>	<a href="#">A. Driggs</a> (REP); <a href="#">L. Landrum Taylor</a> (DEM); <a href="#">R. Murphy</a> (REP); <a href="#">A. Tovar</a> (DEM); <a href="#">S. Yarbrough</a> (REP); <a href="#">L. Alston</a> (DEM); <a href="#">T. Forese</a> (REP); <a href="#">N. Barto</a> (REP); <a href="#">C. Crandell</a> (REP); <a href="#">R. Crandall</a> (REP); <a href="#">K. Ward</a> (REP); <a href="#">B. Worsley</a> (REP); Representatives: <a href="#">H. Carter</a> (REP); <a href="#">J. Olson</a> (REP).	Pilot; Foster care tuition waiver  Establishes a five-year pilot program that expands eligibility for tuition waiver scholarships for those in foster care, who meet certain conditions and attend any Arizona public university or community college.	3/6/13 Passed Senate  5/8/13 Passed House with amendments.  5/8/13 Transmitted to Senate for action on House amendments.  5/9/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y Concurrence Recommended.

**DETAILED INFORMATION**

***May 17, 2013***

***Bills Related to Developmental Disability Issues:***

***HB 2042:*** ~~TECHNICAL CORRECTION; HOME HEALTH AGENCIES~~  
NOW: SCHOOLS; PUPILS WITH DIABETES

**Status:** **Signed by Governor 4/11/13**

**Summary:** Allows voluntary diabetes care assistants to administer or assist a pupil self-administer insulin in an emergency under certain circumstances. Expands the required training provided by a licensed health professional regarding diabetes.

***HB 2044:*** ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT  
SYSTEM (AHCCCS); CONTINUATION.

**Status:** **Passed House 2/13/13. Assigned to Senate Health & Human  
Services Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13.**

**Recommendation: Do Pass. 3/5/13 Majority Caucus Y;  
Minority Caucus Y**

**Summary:** This law would extend the AHCCCS system for 10 more years  
to July 1, 2023

***HB 2045:*** AHCCCS; HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT  
METHODOLOGY

**Status:** **Passed House 2/21/13. Passed Senate with amendments  
4/15/13.**

**4/16/13 House Majority Caucus H; Minority Caucus Y  
4/23/13 House refused to concur in Senate amendments and  
named Carter, Boyer and Meyer to a FREE Conference  
Committee. Senate named Barto, Bradley and Ward.  
Passed House 5/15/13. Passed Senate 5/16/13.**

**Summary:** This law changes the way hospitals are paid using a process  
similar to those established in the Social Security Act. The law  
would no longer require the legislature to approve new rates.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT**





**HB 2047:** PUPIL ASSESSMENTS; AIMS TRANSITION

**Status:** Passed House with amendments 2/5/13. Assigned to Senate Education Committee and Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read: 2/20/13. 3/21/13: Education Committee – discussion only.

**Summary:** AIMS Replacement ☐

Effective July 1, 2014, the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test is eliminated and replaced with a competency test adopted by the State Board of Education

**HB 2066:** DEFINITION; ARCHAIC LANGUAGE; REMOVAL

**Status:** Signed by Governor 4/11/13

**Summary:** Makes various changes to definition sections of statute in order to remove archaic language.

**HB 2089:** AHCCCS; CHRONICALLY ILL CHILDREN

**Status:** Passed House 2/28/13. Passed Senate with amendments 5/14/13. Transmitted to House 5/14/13. 5/16/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y. Concurrence recommended.

**Summary:** This law amends or changes a variety of sections of the current statutes related to ACHHS.

This law would include the following actions:

- a) Use a definition of chronic illness or physical disability;
- b) Specify a diagnosis before the age of 21 years of age and whose primary diagnosis is a severe physical condition that requires ongoing medical intervention;
- c) As monies are available – a program will be established for these children that evaluates their needs; gathers statistical information; and sets up service delivery.
- d) A statewide information and referral service to enhance service delivery
- e) Acceptance of federal monies for these services
- f) This program will continue through July 1, 2023.

***HB 2091:*** AHCCCS; ORTHOTIC SERVICES; RESTORATION

**Status:** Passed House 3/6/13. Passed Senate COW with amendments 4/25/13

**Summary:** This law amends or changes services related to the AHCCCS system.

This law restores coverage for orthotic device if it is prescribed; the device is less expensive than other treatment options or surgical procedures and it is medically recognized as the preferred treatment.

***HB 2144:*** CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

**Status:** Passed House 2/28/13. Assigned to Senate Health & Human Services Committee.

**Senate second read: 3/5/13. Recommendation: Do Pass with amendments 3/13/13.**

**3/19/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y**

**Summary:** Amends or changes the section of the Arizona Revised Statutes that defines the purpose of this agency to include investigations, safety matters, cooperative work with law enforcement agencies, coordination of permanent solutions on behalf of all children.

***HB 2158:*** COURT-ORDERED EVALUATIONS

**Status:** Passed House 2/28/13. Assigned to Senate Public Safety Committee. Senate second read: 3/5/13. Recommendation: Do Pass 3/13/13.

**Summary:** This bill is an emergency measure that allows a peace officer (officer) to detain a person who is believed to be a danger based on probable cause, rather than observed behavior (current). It also extends the time period, from twenty-four to forty-eight hours, a person may be detained in custody for emergency admission.

***HB 2161:*** LICENSE FEE; SERVICE DOGS; WAIVER

**Status:** Assigned to Agriculture and Water Committee. House second read: 1/23/13.

**Summary:** Amends or changes the language in the Arizona Revised Statutes on the process of animal registration and control.

This law permits the members of the Board of Supervisors of each Arizona County to not charge a person with disability and who uses a service animal. The person with the service dog must provide proof that the dog is a service animal in order to not have to pay a regular fee.

**HB 2259:** VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; PROSTHETIC APPLIANCES; ORTHODONTICS

**Status:** Signed by Governor 4/17/13

**Summary:** For the purposes of vocational rehabilitation, the definition of "prosthetic appliance" is expanded to include orthodontic appliances.

**Impact:** • To be determined

**HB 2401:** SERVICE ANIMAL; DEFINITION.

**Status:** Signed by Governor 4/5/13

**Summary:** Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to the handling of animals. This law clarifies and expands the definition of the term service animal to include an animal that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability including physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual or other mental disability. This includes a miniature horse that is individually trained to do work for a disabled individual.

**HB 2458:** EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS; FRAUD PREVENTION

**Status:** Signed by Governor 5/2/13.

**Summary:** Outlines additional policies that the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) can adopt to monitor fraudulent activity in Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESA) and details what constitutes fraudulent use of an ESA.

**HB 2476:** SCHOOLS; ISOLATION ROOMS; RESTRICTIONS

**Status:** Signed by Governor 4/3/13.

**Summary:** This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to pupil discipline. It provides for the following actions:

beginning in the school year 2013-2014, disciplinary policies for the confinement of pupils left alone in an enclosed space will ensure the criteria for confinement; the size of the room in which the confinement will occur; the maximum number of minutes that the pupil will be physically prevented from exiting the room in which the confinement occurs; the method for monitoring the pupil.

***HB 2483*** PUBLIC NOTICES; PUBLISHING; PUBLIC MEDIUM

**Status:** **Failed House 3/18/13.**

**Summary:** This law amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes relating to the publishing of statutory public notices. It requires public notices to be published on a public medium rather than in a newspaper.

***HB 2533*** LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; PUBLIC NOTICES; WEBSITE

**Status:** **3/18/13 Passed House on reconsideration. Assigned to Senate Government and Environment Committee. Senate second read: 3/20/13. Held in Committee 3/21/13.**

**Summary:** Authorizes counties and municipalities to publish public notices on a website instead of in a print newspaper.

***SB 1090:*** DEPENDENT CHILDREN; PLACEMENT;  
GRANDPARENTS; STIPEND

**Status:** **Passed Senate with amendments 2/18/13. Passed House 4/22/13 with amendments.**

**Summary:** Restores a monthly stipend and other benefits to grandparents and great grandparents who are caring for their children.

***SB 1093:*** DISABILITY PLACARDS; NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATIONS

**Status:** **Signed by Governor 4/30/13.**

**Summary:** Amends or changes the Arizona Revised Statutes related to special license plates. This law allows the issuance of up to three permanently disabled removable windshield placards to a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to senior citizens.

**SB 1100:** ASDB; CONTINUATION

**Status:** Signed by Governor 5/7/13.

**Summary:** This law continues the Board of Directors of the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) for 10 years.

The ASDB was established in 1912 to serve children from birth through age 21. The schools currently serve over 2200 students on three campuses, preschool services and contracted services provided at local schools. The Board continues until July 1, 2023. There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the general fund.

**SB 1108:** FOSTER HOME LICENSURE; IMMUNIZATIONS

**Status:** Signed by Governor 5/2/13.

**Summary:** This law changes the requirements and condition of foster home licensure.

The Department of Economic Security is prohibited from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.

**SB 1437:** MUSIC THERAPISTS; LICENSURE

**Status:** Vetoed by Governor 4/30/13.

**Summary:** Adds a new chapter to Title 36 (Public Health and Safety) regulating music therapists under the Department of Health Services. Establishes qualifications for licensure as a music therapist. Beginning October 1, 2014, a person is prohibited from engaging in the "practice of music therapy" (defined) or claiming to be a music therapist unless the person is licensed. Establishes disciplinary actions, including civil penalties for violations of these regulations.

**Impact:** • To be determined

**SB 1208:** PILOT; FOSTER CARE TUITION WAIVER

**Status:** Passed Senate 3/6/13. Passed House with amendments 5/8/13. Transmitted to Senate for action on amendments 5/8/13. 5/9/13 Majority Caucus Y; Minority Caucus Y. Concurrence recommended.

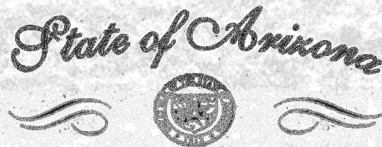
**Summary:** This law changes the requirements and condition of foster home licensure.

The Department of Economic Security is prohibited from requiring a foster parent to immunize the parent's natural or adoptive children as a condition of foster home licensure.

**SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS AND MEMORIALS PASSED/SIGNED  
INTO LAW**

- [HCM 2007](#) Cherrybell; Mail Processing Center
- [HCR 2019](#) National Wear Red Day
- [HCR 2020](#) First Responders Recognition Day
- [HCR 2034](#) Arizona Territory; 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- [HCR 2035](#) Recognizing Arizona Caregivers
- [HCR 2036](#) Boy Scouts of America
- [HR 2001](#) Recognizing Autism Organizations
- [HM 2002](#) Victims' Rights Amendment; Federal Constitution
- [SCM 1001](#) Clean Air Act
- [SCR1009](#) Inmate Labor and Services
- [SCR 1012](#) EPA Actions; Haze
- [SCR 1013](#) Endangered Species Act
- [SCR 1014](#) Vietnam War; Commemorative Partner
- [SCR 1015](#) Support; Second Amendment
- [SCR 1020](#) Sheriff Larry Dever; Death Resolution
- [SR 1003](#) Honoring Paul & Lorena Williams
- [Senate Proclamation](#) Declaring October as Dwarfism Awareness Month  
(see below for a copy of the proclamation).





## Senate Proclamation

### Proclaiming October as Dwarfism Awareness Month

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 648 persons with dwarfism residing in the State of Arizona, averaging one per every 10,000 births, over 30,000 people in the United States, and over 650,000 in the world; and

WHEREAS, there are over 200 distinct types of dwarfism or skeletal dysplasias; the most common type of dwarfism, achondroplasia, restricts the growth of the arms and legs; the typical height range for persons with dwarfism is 2 feet 8 inches to 4 feet 5 inches; and

WHEREAS, over eighty percent of persons with dwarfism have average-height parents and siblings; and

WHEREAS, the medical prognosis for people with dwarfism varies from condition to condition, and with the severity of that condition in each individual; the majority of persons with dwarfism enjoy normal life spans and reasonably good health; Others will require surgeries or other medical interventions to address complications and maximize mobility; and

WHEREAS, the term "midget" is antiquated, and is considered offensive to most people with dwarfism; and

WHEREAS, the preferred terminology for someone with dwarfism is "person of short stature," "having dwarfism," or "little person"; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism are protected under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism are able to function as well in society as average-height people and are perfectly capable of playing sports, driving cars, traveling, and having fulfilling careers and families – all with simple and reasonable accommodations; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism can turn to support organizations such as the Little People of America (LPA), the nation's oldest and largest organization for persons with dwarfism, for guidance on parenting, adoption, education, medical consultation, physical fitness, peer support, community outreach, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, LPA was founded by the late actor Billy Barty, who during his over 70-year career appeared in more than 100 films and television shows; and

WHEREAS, persons with dwarfism contribute to the strength of the economy in Arizona by being productive members of the workforce, representing all careers and professions; and

WHEREAS, LPA has declared October as National Dwarfism Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arizona State Senate designates October as Dwarfism Awareness Month in Arizona to increase public knowledge about persons with dwarfism.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

  
ANDY BIGGS  
President of the Senate

